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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : MARCHIORO, D
 Ser. No. : 09/880,144
 Filed : 06/14/2001
 For : MODULAR CAGE
 Group A.U.: 3643
 Examiner : VALENTI, ANDREA M

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
 Washington D.C. 20231 U.S.A.

Sir,

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office action dated March 22, 2002 for three months from June 22, 2002 to September 22, 2002. Please charge the deposit account number **13-3860** of applicant's agent of record, in the amount of **US\$ 460.00** (fee code **217**) to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action dated March 22, 2002, applicant submits the following Amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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locking devices, are taught, and to which frame removable grills are added to form the cage.

Daily teaches a base frame 12 on top of which a cage is formed by connecting to each other by corner joints panels.

Daily does not disclose either a supporting frame formed by joining profiled elements with grills removably attachable as claimed in claim 14.

Moreover, it is further submitted that none of the cited prior documents discloses or suggests the supporting frame connected as claimed which allows removable addition of the grills and consequent formation of the desired modular cage structure claimed in claim 14.

Therefore the combination of claim 14 cannot be rendered obvious by the cited prior art, which, in fact, fails to provide all the features claimed and/or the necessary incentive for the person skilled in the art to achieve the claimed combination .

It is accordingly, now believed that the application is an allowable condition and allowance thereof is respectfully solicited.

While it is believed that the amended claims properly and clearly define the present invention, applicant would be open to any suggestion or amendment the Examiner may have or propose concerning different claim phraseology which, in the Examiner's opinion, more accurately defines the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,


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